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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR DETECTING TELOMERASE

**ACTIVITY** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(C)(1)

Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on May 16, 2005 as a large entity status. However, on or about January 16, 2008 the assignee to which this application is assigned, Allied Biotech, Inc., became aware without any deceptive intent, that the above-identified application should have asserted entitlement to small entity status as defined by 13 C.F.R. § 121 when the above-identified application was originally filed on May 16, 2005.

Consequently and in accordance to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(C)(1), applicant hereby <u>asserts</u> that the above-identified application is entitled to <u>small entity</u> status as defined by 13 C.F.R. § 121.

Should the establishment of small entity status in the above-identified application result in any fee deficiencies or credits, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any such deficiencies to **Deposit Account No. 50-2849**.

Should the Commissioner require anything further in order to establish small entity status for the above-identified application, the Commissioner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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